

## INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

On **July 26, 2006**, the dialing procedure for the 310 area code will change. On that date, **all calls** will require dialing **"1" + the area code + the seven (7)-digit telephone number** (calls to 211, 311, 411, 611, 711 and 911 will not change). The Telecommunications Industry seeks your help in preparing children and parents for a safe transition to the new dialing procedure. This change will apply to the 310 area code and the new area code, 424, being added to 310 area code's geographic region in August 2006.

Enclosed are some tools to assist in making this change a learning experience for your students. For Kindergarten through Third Grade, we provide a lesson plan and handout that will help teach children their area code, telephone number, and the new dialing procedure.

For higher grades, we provide homeroom announcements and additional information for discussion. We urge teachers to use these homeroom announcements at least twice including the week prior to July 26, 2006 when all calls must be dialed using the new dialing procedure. Teachers may also be interested in using this opportunity to discuss technology or social studies may consult the Fact Sheet and Checklist provided to your Principal. Posters are included for high traffic area and classrooms. Classes may also wish to create posters as a learning device, and a list of poster concepts is also included.

### Additional Background

The North American Numbering Plan created shortly after World War II uses ten-digit number in the following format: A B C -D E F- G H I J.

The first three digits (The "ABC" digits) identify the general area where the number resides. Every state has at least one area code; California began with three and currently has twenty-six. These first three digits are called the "Numbering Plan Area" or Area Code. Area Codes used to have a "0" or "1" as the middle digit until those combinations were exhausted. Today, area codes can be made up of any three numbers.

The next three digits ("DEF") represent the "prefix." Each prefix; together with all the possible combinations of the last four digits, includes 10,000 numbers. Each prefix is assigned to a Central Office, a switching point in the telephone network. The last four digits ("GHIJ") are called the "line number" (7-digit telephone number), and identify an individual customer service line. Telephone numbers allow the accurate routing of calls through the network to reach the person called and help create an accurate record for billing.

Thanks for helping make this transition a safe one.